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TELECOM SERVICE IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the services made available in Orissa under Telecom facilities;

(b) the number of villages in which WLL Phone Service has been made available in Orissa;

(c) the number of villages still to be linked with WLL phone network; and

(d) the time by which the WLL facility is likely to be provided in all the villages of the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The details of services made available in Orissa under Telecom facilities are given below:-

As on 30th June, 2007, the fixed line and wireless subscribers in Orissa are 77,07,309 and 34,95,941 respectively.

40,540 villages have been covered with Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in Orissa.

10,618 Multi Access Radio Relay (MARR) VPTs in Orissa have been replaced by BSNL till June, 2007 against a target of 11,341.

4,899 remaining unconnected villages in Orissa will be provided by Village Public Telephones (VPTs) by November, 2007. This excludes villages having population less than 100, villages lying in thick forest areas/naxalite infested areas etc.

936 villages in Orissa having population of more than 2,000 and not having a PCO have been provided with Rural Community Phones (RCPs) by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).

About 61,000 Rural Direct Exchange Lines (RDELs) have been provided by BSNL till 31.03.2007.

(b)As on 31.07.2007, 26,136 villages in Orissa have been provided with Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) Service by BSNL.

(c) & (d) A total of 5,000 villages in Orissa are still to be linked with WLL phone network. These villages are likely to be provided with WLL facilities progressively by 31.03.2009.